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Applicant:	N.R. Eisenberg et al.	Examiner:	S.R. Pannala
Serial No.:	09/579,866	Group Art Unit:	2177
Filed:	May 25, 2000	Docket No.:	STL920000058US2
TITLE:	METHOD OF, SYSTEM FOR, AND COMPUTER PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR STORING, RETRIEVING, & USING REMOTE HOST FILE ATTRIBUTES ON A LOCAL FILE SYSTEM		

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**AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the non-final fifth office action dated July 19, 2004 ("Fifth Office Action"), following two Requests for Continued Examination (RCE), in which the Examiner rejected the claims as obvious (35 U.S.C. §103) over prior art. On August 11, 2004, a representative for Applicants and the Examiner held a phone interview to discuss the rejection. Applicants discussed amending the independent claims 1, 7, and 13 to remove the last three limitations to dependent claims. Although no agreement was reached, the Examiner said he would reconsider the rejection in view of the amendments and arguments. Applicants added claims 19-21 to include the requirements removed from the independent claims. Applicants submit herewith a petition for extension of time. Applicants traverse the prior art rejections and submit that the pending claims 1, 3-7, 8-13, and 15-21 are patentable over the cited art and in condition for allowance for the reasons discussed herein.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 10.